

NARCOTIC DRUGS

Exchange of notes verbales at Rome January 5 and April 27, 1928

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Department of State files

The American Embassy to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

F.O. No. 1048

NOTE VERBALE

The American Embassy presents its compliments to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and has the honor to state that in an endeavor to bring about stricter control of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs the Treasury Department of the Government of the United States has requested that an effort be made to establish closer cooperation between the appropriate administrative officials of the United States and certain European countries and desires that an arrangement be made for—

(1) The direct exchange between the United States Treasury Department and the corresponding office in the foreign country of information and evidence with reference to persons engaged in the illicit traffic. This would include such information as photographs, criminal records, finger prints, Bertillon measurements, description of the methods which the persons in question have been found to use, the places from which they have operated, the partners they worked with, et cetera.

(2) The immediate direct forwarding of information by letter or cable as to the suspected movements of narcotic drugs or of those involved in smuggling drugs if such movements might concern the other country. Unless such information as this reaches its destination directly and speedily it is useless.

(3) Mutual cooperation in detective and investigating work.

¹ *Department of State Bulletin*, Feb. 22, 1948, p. 248.

² TIAS 1648, *ante*, vol. 4, p. 325.

The American Embassy is, therefore, instructed to endeavor to arrange with the Royal Italian Government, should the latter see fit, for such a direct exchange of information along the lines above outlined.

ROME, *January 5, 1928.*

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

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NOTE VERBALE

Pursuant to its Note Verbale No. 201763/8 of January 12th, last, and with reference to the Embassy's Note No. 1104 of March 2d, last, the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor to state that the Italian Government willingly adheres to the proposal of the United States Treasury Department to organize between the competent administrative officials of the two countries a direct exchange of all information relative to the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, in the manner described in the Embassy's Note Verbale of January 5, 1928.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs begs the Ambassador of the United States to take note and inform his Government that, according to standing agreements between the Public Health and Police Administrations, the exchange of communications with the United States Treasury Department will be carried out, on the Italian side, by the Director General of Public Health (Ministry of the Interior).

Subsequent telegraphic communications should be addressed as follows: "Direzione Generale Sanita Pubblica, Roma."

ROME, *April 27, 1928.*